



Hugh J. White Chapter - Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



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Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Student/Family,

This letter is an invitation for your student to apply for a Tuskegee Airmen Foundation annual scholarship. Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated (TAI) national organization awards forty scholarships annually each valued at \$1,500 to deserving high school seniors. Scholarship awards are based on four criteria: 1) academic performance, 2) financial need, 3) two themed essays, and 4) timely submission of the completed application. The 2025 scholarship application form is enclosed for your use. Additional copies may be made of the form to share with other students and their families. Pay close attention because requirements are listed on both the first and second pages of the application. **PLEASE NOTE: Completed scholarship applications must be received by the Scholarship Chair no later than Monday, January 27, 2025.** (Received does not mean post marked.)

Last year our scholarship applications did increase, however, we have not returned to pre-Covid numbers. We filled our five slots and the five slots of the Lewis Lynch Chapter. In total five received \$1,500 national scholarships, two were selected as alternates. One recipient received a \$500 local grant. **This year we should be able to submit 10 applicants from our area again.** The Lewis Lynch Chapter at Scott AFB will choose 5 applicants to forward.

Here are a few tips to help you prepare a high-quality application package. Start **now** on the application, use the spelling and grammar check on the computer, and have a teacher or other helpful adult proofread it. Take time to explain any special circumstances. Reviewers understand that life happens and want to understand your situation. Please explain your personal contributions such as office or position held and highlight your involvement. Each application is reviewed twice, once by a local chapter **and** then on a national level. We know the world is a better place because you're in it. We want you to tell us why. Do not assume that the reviewers know the purpose of each organization.

Once again, a memorial Lewis Lynch Aviation scholarship honoring Mr. Lewis Lynch, a Tuskegee Airmen, will be offered to a student from the St. Louis area who is pursuing studies and a career in aviation.

Good luck to all students and their families. We look forward to receiving your applications. **REMEMBER: Completed scholarship applications must be mailed to the address below and received by the Scholarship Chair no later than Monday, January 27, 2025. Please place the following on the top of all applications in the area provided!**

Attention: Yolanda Wood Hugh J. White/ Lewis Lynch Chapters
2736 Lake Lucerne Dr Shiloh, IL 62221

If there are any questions, please contact me either by email at Yolanda.Wood@gmail.com or by phone (618) 444-5925 or by postal mail at the address above.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Wood
Scholarship Chair

Enclosure: 2025 Application for Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation Scholarships

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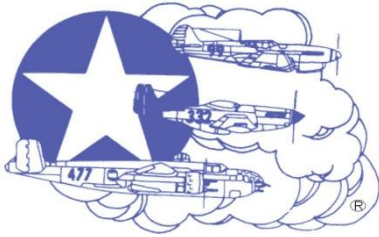
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2025 APPLICATION FOR TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Return Completed Application NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 27, 2025 to:

CHAPTER: Hugh J. White / Lewis J. Lynch Chapters
ADDRESS: 2736 Lake Lucerne Dr., Shiloh, IL 62221
ATTN: Ms. Yolanda Wood

PART I (To be completed by Student Applicant) I hereby apply for assistance from the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation

Name: D.O.B. Sex Ethnicity Last 4 SSN

Address: City State Zip

Telephone: Cell Phone: E-mail address:

Name of High School: Telephone: Grad. Date:

Participated in: Junior ROTC Program Civil Air Patrol BSA, GSA, or Explorer Scouts

Name of College or University I plan to attend:

Intended Major: Minor: Career Objective:

Permission is granted to send copies of this application to other agencies having scholarship programs? Yes No

Signature of Student Applicant Date:

PART II (To be completed by student applicant's Parent, Parent in Loco Parentis, or Guardian)

Name: Address:

Number of members in immediate family: Other Family Members currently attending college:

Total Family Annual Income (salaries, business incomes, rents, annuities, pensions, interest, etc.):

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: Date:

PART III (To be completed by School Official) Convert GPA to 4.0 scale and indicate both weighted and unweighted.

GPA SAT Score ACT Score

I certify that the Grade Point Average, SAT score, ACT score, senior year schedule and first semester grades are correct.

Signature: Title: Date:

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

- 1. An OFFICIAL Copy of Student's High School Transcript, senior year schedule
2. A copy of parent(s)' latest IRS Form 1040 (2024 preferable but 2023 acceptable) through adjusted gross income line or other OFFICIAL document (W-2/W-4 not acceptable); SSN should be "blacked out"
3. Three Letters of Recommendation (From Counselors, Instructors, Community Leaders, etc.)
4. "The Tuskegee Airmen" Essay (include how their experience impacts you) (Typed, double spaced, not to exceed one [1] page)
5. A Personal Essay (Typed, double spaced, not to exceed two [2] pages)
6. List of Extracurricular and Community Activities (including Junior ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, BSA, GSA or Explorer Scouts)

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GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS AND REMINDER ITEMS

Background Information: Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated™ is a unique organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of African American Veterans whose service during World War II demonstrated to America that the criteria for responsible citizenship are character and achievement rather than ethnic origin. Although incorporated in Washington, D.C., the organization consists of many chapters and a National Museum at Moton Field, AL. The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation is located in Los Angeles, CA.

Each year the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation grants scholarship awards to deserving young men and women. Each year the number of available scholarship awards is directly related to income received from investments. Forty (40) awards of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) will be available in 2025. The \$1,500.00 awards are for one year only.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the school year 2024 - 2025. Additionally, **applying students must have a GPA of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point scale.**

Application Procedure: Application forms and instructions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors or the **nearest Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Chapter**. Completed applications must be returned to the specific address indicated on page 1 of this application or to the nearest Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Chapter, **on or before January 27, 2025**. Each applicant must complete the entire application and provide all attachments **listed on the bottom of the application form**.

- The applicant must include a single page essay entitled “The Tuskegee Airmen” which reflects an overview of their history and how their experience has impacted the applicant personally. Essays must be typed, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on 8.5” x 11” paper. Please note, all attachments to application **must not** exceed 8.5” x 11” in size.
- Additionally, Each applicant must submit a two (2) page personal essay containing: a biographical sketch, educational aspirations, career goals and an explanation of why financial aid is essential.
- To validate the financial status of the applicant, a copy of parent(s)’ **latest IRS Form 1040 through adjusted gross income line** must be included in application package. **Please do not send the entire return**. If not required to file Form 1040, provide **official** alternate source document to verify income, such as statement from Public Social Services, Pensions or SSI (**W-2 or W-4 not acceptable**). **SSN should be “blacked out”**.

Selection Procedure: Applications for scholarship assistance received by individual chapters of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. are screened, verified as deemed appropriate, and competitively evaluated. Application files determined worthy of further consideration are forwarded to the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Selection Committee for National Competition. A scholarship selection committee, composed of several members from each Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Region, evaluates individual applications. Using a scale of one hundred (100) points, the committee considers academic achievement, extracurricular and community activities, relative financial need, recommendations, and both essays to competitively rank applicants.

Notification Procedure: Finalists (selectees and non-selectees) will receive individual notices of final results from the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors.

Award Payment Certification: Scholarship awardees may enroll in the institution of their choice. **Once the awardee has enrolled and started classes at their chosen institution, the student must send a verification of enrollment signed by the school registrar to the following address: Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 881780, Los Angeles, CA 90009.** When the required verifications have been received, the award payments, made payable to the student, will be mailed to the address designated by the student.

Award Payment Limitation: Unless otherwise approved by the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation, all scholarship awards must be paid within one year from date of selection notification.